

Amendments to the Specification:

[0013] The present invention is directed to a system and method for routing a call placed to a particular terminating device associated with a called party to an alternate destination also associated with the called party. Such devices may include landline and cellular telephones, computers, paging devices, facsimile machines, modems, and other similar devices. In one exemplary embodiment of the present invention, the called party previously provides at least one alternate destination to route a text message. If the called party's telephone line is unavailable, the calling party is given an option to record a voice message, have the message converted into text, and sent to one or more of the provided alternate destinations. One of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that for the converted message to be sent to the alternate destinations, the present invention must be able to identify the device type at the alternate destination, identify the device's required conversion format and make the appropriate device type conversions. For example, if a message is to be sent to an alternate destination, such as a mobile device, via a multi-media messaging (MMS), this invention would identify that the mobile device is capable of receiving MMS messages and make the appropriate conversion.